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SUBJECT: ROK PRESS REPORTS POSSIBLE U.S.-NORTH KOREAN
RELATIONS

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1. ROK PRESS ARTICLES REPORTED REFTEL WERE BASED ON
REMARKS AT SEPTEMBER 4 DEPARTMENT MEDIA BRIEFING ON
ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH GDR. REPORTERS WERE
TOLD BRIEFING WAS ON BACKGROUND AND THEY COULD PARAPHRASE
BUT NOT DIRECTLY QUOTE STATEMENT.

2. FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT OF PERTINENT SECTION OF BRIEF-
ING. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO PASS TO MOFA ON FYI BASIS.

BEGIN QUOTE. Q. SCOTT, SINCE THIS WOULD APPEAR TO
CONSTITUTE THE FIRST TIME THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
HAS RECOGNIZED THE GOVERNMENTS OF BOTH PARTS OF A DIVIDED
NATION, WOULD THERE SEEM TO BE ANY PRECEDENT ESTABLISHED
HERE FOR POSSIBLE RECOGNITION OF OTHER COUNTRIES THAT HAVE
BEEN DIVIDED INTO TWO STATES, FOR INSTANCE, IN ASIA?

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A. I THOUGHT THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME. SOMEONE TOLD ME THAT WE ONCE RECOGNIZED BOTH SOUTH AND NORTH YEMEN SIMULTANEOUSLY. IF THAT'S TRUE, I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT CASTS MUCH LIGHT ON WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW. THAT'S JUST A DIVERSION. I'M NOT EVEN SURE THERE EVER WAS A SOUTH YEMEN.

BUT ANYWAY, CERTAINLY IT WILL BE THE FIRST TIME THAT WE RECOGNIZE TWO MAJOR DIVIDED STATES IF THERE WAS A SOUTH AND NORTH YEMEN PRECEDENT.

SURE, I WOULD SUPPOSE THAT IN THE CASE OF THE OTHER DIVIDED STATES IF EVENTS FOLLOW SOME KIND OF SIMILAR COURSE; NAMELY, FOR EXAMPLE, AS AN INDICATOR, IF BOTH DIVIDED STATES ARE ADMITTED TO THE UNITED NATIONS I WOULD SUPPOSE WE WOULD MOVE IN A RATHER SIMILAR WAY. AND I SUPPOSE THE NEXT LIKLIEST -- AND IT'S PRETTY WELL DOWN THE PIKE -- WOULD BE THE TWO KOREAS. THEY SEEM A HELL OF A LONG WAY AWAY FROM SUCH MARCHING INTO THE UN TO ME. AND THE TWO VIET-NAMS EVEN MORE SO. AND I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THERE ARE ANY OTHER DIVIDED STATES. BUT ULTIMATELY, SURE, I WOULD SUPPOSE THIS KIND OF COURSE MIGHT BE APPLICABLE, BUT I DON'T SEE IT AS ANYTHING THAT'S LIKELY TO HAPPEN ANY TIME SOON. END QUOTE.

3. CORRESPONDENCE WHO MADE FURTHER QUERIES WERE TOLD THAT FOREGOING DID NOT REPRESENT OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF POLICY TOWARD KOREA. KISSINGER

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